GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA

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RESTRICTIONS ON SENIOR CITIZENS PER FLIGHT
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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Indian Airlines has restricted to ten passengers per flight from the group of senior citizens, children, students and defence personnel;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether inconvenience is being caused to them due to this restriction; and

(d) if so, the steps proposed to be taken to increase the limit?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SHARAD YADAV)

(a) and (b): In order to maximise earnings from a flight Indian Airlines retains 10 seats each on A-320, B-737 flights and 15 seats each on A-300 flights on concessional fares for Senior Citizens, Students and Defence Personnel.

(c): Indian Airlines Reservation System has seat allocations in the economy class for the normal fare passengers and the concessional/discounted fare passengers viz. Senior Citizens, Students and Defence Personnel.If close to the time of departure, seats allocated for normal fare passengers remain unsold, these are offered to the concessional fare passengers. The system is in line with the practice followed by the airlines all over the world.

(d): Depending on the low/high season demand, behaviour and pattern of the flights, these limit values are enhanced in the computerised reservations system upto 30 seats or 40 seats to maximise earnings.